

May 9, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Airport Commission convened in a regular session on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Boyce, Donnellan, Glass, Hsiao, Jacobsen, Johnson, and Chairperson Orpe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Barry Jay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobsen, seconded by Commissioner Donnellan, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2013

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved to approve the April 11, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Jacobsen seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (Commissioner Donnellan abstaining).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6A. Commissioner Johnson stated that the April 25-29 B-17 Bomber display was a successful event and expressed his appreciation for cooperation and assistance from Airport staff, Experimental Aircraft Association, TARA, and CERT. He noted that photographs taken from the bomber were shown at the Mayor's luncheon on May 9.

6B. Commissioner Glass stated that he volunteered for three days at the B-17 Bomber display and was pleased with the attendance and how smoothly everything went.

6C. Chairperson Orpe also enjoyed the B-17 Bomber display and hopes it will be an even better event next year.

6D. Commissioners Glass, Boyce, and Hsiao thanked staff for sending the Commission agenda and minutes by e-mail.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

None.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8A. **AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Chairperson Orpe noted that the following reports for May 2013 were included in agenda materials: Hangar and Tiedown Rental Status, Ongoing Projects, May Meeting Room Calendar, Hangar Waiting List, Events Requiring Emergency Response for March and April 2013, and Airfield Operations Status for May 2013.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that there are currently five hangar vacancies.

He reported that there was an Airport Security Project meeting on May 8 and that the project, currently in the redesign process, is expected to go out to bid in November, with construction beginning December 2013. He stated that the Airport Pavement Rehabilitation would begin after completion of the Airport Security project.

In response to Commissioner Donnellan's inquiry regarding Report 4, Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian explained that staff knows which hangars were received through advertisement because the applicants were not on the Waiting List.

Commissioner Johnson expressed concern about the condition of Runway 29L and questioned why the Airport Security Project and Airport Pavement Rehabilitation could not be done concurrently.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian related his understanding that it is a staffing issue but offered to readdress the scheduling and report back.

8B. **NOISE ABATEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian presented the Noise Abatement Quarterly Report for January 1 to March 31, 2013.

Commissioner Hsiao noted the increase in noise violations in March compared to the number of operations for that month.

Commissioner Johnson offered his observation that Robinson Helicopter pilots are ascending and descending quite steeply and it appears that they are trying hard to be good neighbors.

Commissioner Donnellan stated that he has also observed them making fast climbs.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

9A. Commissioner Glass observed that the operations activities are lower this year than last year, and Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian explained that totals are affected by factors that include weather, gas prices, Robinson Helicopter, and transient flights.

9B. Commissioner Jacobsen encouraged Commissioners to attend the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 18.

9C. Barry Jay, Brian Avenue, President of Torrance Airport Association, expressed his concern about the deteriorating condition of Runway 29L and stated that it needs to be addressed as soon as possible. He maintained that it causes wear and tear on aircraft and that it is important that the Airport be in compliance with the recent Cal Trans inspection for required conditions.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian stated that staff is addressing the faded markings pointed out by Cal Trans and that the helipad markings were completed on May 9. He stated that Cal Trans has not informed them that the runway is unsafe or unusable.

9D. Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian announced Budget Hearings on May 14 and 21, noting that staff would be providing City Council with information on Airport issues that include the possibility of landing fees.

9E. Commissioner Donnellan requested an excused absence for the June 13, 2013 Commission meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:24 p.m., Commissioner Hsiao moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, June 13, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Orpe so ordered.

Approved as submitted June 13, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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